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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Operations, DD/P

SUBJECT: Manual on the American Thesis

1. It has come forcibly to the attention of the instructional staff of Phase I - Orientation that few students are aware of the basic tenets of Democracy and that it is the rare student who can enunciate the principles inherent in the American system. These facts are particularly significant, since many of the students will eventually serve in a foreign country and may well be faced with the necessity of articulating those principles.

2. With the foregone in mind the staff of Phase I has adopted as a project the editing of a concise manual on the American system for use in connection with the work in Phase I, particularly that segment of the work dealing with Communism and the USSR. The product anticipated as a result of research is a handbook of approximately seventy-five pages.

3. The following tentative categories have suggested themselves as a body of material has been collected:

a. Basic Documents
b. The Role of the Individual in America
c. Democracy in America
d. The Political System: Separation of Powers
e. The Economic System
f. Freedom of Speech
g. Freedom of the Press
h. Freedom of Religion
i. The American Destiny

4. With a sizeable body of material already collected, the significance which attaches itself to each piece of writing becomes more pronounced. As a result, there is a growing opinion among those involved in collecting and editing this manual that use in CIA beyond that intended in Phase I might be feasible. The possible adoption of this manual by the area divisions has suggested itself to the staff doing the editing.

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5. The Office of Training has set June 4 as a deadline for the completion of the first draft. Anticipating this deadline, the staff doing the editing is concerned about the following questions:

a. Is there concurrence within DD/P with the first four paragraphs?

b. Does this manual meet a potential requirement within DD/P?

c. Do individuals within DD/P have suggestions as to content to be included in this manual?

d. Assuming that there is concurrence with the statements and that a potential requirement does exist, what format should the manual take for most efficient use?

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